

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

April 9, 2013

A board meeting for Granite School District was held in the board room at the Granite School District offices, 2500 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. President Gayleen Gandy called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m., those in attendance:

Gayleen Gandy	President
Terry Bawden	Vice President
Connie Anderson	Board Member
Julene Jolley	Board Member
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member

Excused:	
Dan Lofgren	Board Member

The following members of the administration were present:

Martin W. Bates	Superintendent
David F. Garrett	Business Administrator/Treasurer
Mike Fraser	Assistant Superintendent
David Gourley	Assistant Superintendent
Jim Henderson	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Director and Steven Powell, Communications Department, and Kathy Goodfellow, executive secretary, were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Legislative Wrap-up

Mr. Horsley summarized the 2013 Legislative General Session actions dealing with public education. He highlighted many bills which had passed including:

- HB-64 – Felon’s Right to Hold Office

- HB134S3 – Parental Notification Related to Student Safety
- HB154 – Suicide Prevention Programs
- HB255 – Classified School Employee Amendments
- HB298 – Parent Seminar on Youth Protection
- HB393 – Competency-based Education Amendments
- SB271S3 – School Grading Amendments

A copy of the Utah State Office of Education “Public Education Summary” was provided for each board member. (Exhibit #13-52)

2. Preliminary Budget Discussion

Mr. Mitch Robison, Director, Budget Development, reviewed the FY 14 district budget with legislative appropriations and compared that with what the budget would have looked like using the Governor’s budget recommendations. He reminded the Board that the report was preliminary because the final allocations have not been made. Based upon the legislative funding, new revenue is estimated to be \$6,320,554. Required spending increases (URS contributions, electrical costs for new air conditioning installations, Armstrong Academy fixed costs) total \$3,748,678. Because Utah was granted a waiver for NCLB, the district can no longer use Title I funds district-wide improvement. The General Fund will have to absorb \$578,644 that had been paid from Title I funds under LEA improvement. Step increases and negotiation considerations cost \$3,503,323. The preliminary budget balance for the 2014 Fiscal year is a negative \$1,510,091. (Exhibit #13-53)

The Board suggested that the public be made aware of the increases in spending and the increase in revenue.

3. Granite District Police Department Annual Report

Chief Randy Johnson reported on the service plan put into effect three years ago. Officers are now scheduled in a 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. window. This pattern makes officers available during the hours schools are in session which allows them more time to interact with students. Local allied agencies work with the Granite Police during night time hours when needed. Granite’s security systems are operating efficiently in monitoring Granite District locations.

The department has 15 full time officers, 6 of which are full time Student Resource Officers (SRO) assigned to schools. The school administrations have expressed appreciation to

Granite Police for the increased focus on the schools.

Superintendent Bates clarified that most of the calls requesting patrol officers are coming from elementary locations. The agreements with allied agencies in conjunction with the SROs cover most secondary call outs.

New emphasis on lockdown protocol has been put into effect and was well received by schools as well as allied agencies. Security on new construction sites has required much of the department's attention and as construction sites are finished more time will be available for officers to work with security systems. The transition to wide band radio is progressing well.

The Board adjourned for a dinner break at 5:55 p.m.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the board room. President Gayleen Gandy welcomed all in attendance for this session and a roll call of board members was taken. Superintendent Bates introduced others representing organizations, they were:

Dawn Warner	Region V PTA Director
Miriam Waterman	GEF
Susen Zobel	GEA
Kathleen Riebe	
Kieth Tondro	
Vickie Burrow	GAEOP
Association Board	
Tracy Atkin	GESPA
Elese Salmond	
David Shell	

Gail Howe, Elementary School Director, School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Steve Hess	Principal, Cyprus High
Terri Van Winkle	Principal, Brockbank Junior
Debbie Koji	Principal, Diamond Ridge Elementary
Jolene Randall	Principal, Vista Elementary
Brent Nelson	Principal, West Kearns Elementary

Karen Chatterton	Principal, Cottonwood Elementary
Geoff Murdock	Assistant Principal, Cottonwood High
Jim Rice	Assistant Principal, Churchill Junior
Charlie Peterson	Assistant Principal, Wet Lake Junior
Dawn Hauser	Assistant Principal, Bonneville Junior
Doug Johnson	Assistant Principal, Hillsdale Elementary/Stansbury Elementary

Media: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Teresa Himmelberger, GAEOP

Reverence: Terry Bawden shared quotes by Edward Everett explaining how the educational community can empower our students.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Skyline Debate Team

Mr. Fraser introduced Doug Bingham, principal of Skyline High. Mr. Bingham introduced to the Board the coach and students on the Skyline debate team which had won the 2013 4A State Championship. Ms. Judith Roberts, coach, and seven members of the team were recognized. The Board congratulated them on their accomplishment.

2. Administrative Professionals Week

Dr. Gourley introduced Vicki Burrow, president of the Granite Association of Educational Office Professionals (GAEOP). Ms. Burrow introduced members of the GAEOP board and thanked them for their service. Terry Bawden read a proclamation recognizing Administrative Professionals Week, April 21-27, 2013.

MAYORS PARTICIPATION - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: March 5, 2013 & March 19, 2013

Purchases:

1. White Multi-Purpose Copy Paper for Warehouse, Costco - \$96,558.00
2. Electrical Stock Items for Warehouse, Cable Your World - \$68,595.00
3. Carpet for Hartvigsen School, Wall 2 Wall - \$131,622.00

4. Carpet for Stansbury Elementary, Shaw Contract Group - \$66,894.21
5. Weight Room Equipment for Granger High, Upper Limit, Inc. - \$70,198.00
6. Chiller Repair at Silver Hills Elementary, KHI Mechanical - \$64,291.00
7. Fertilizing and Weed Control at all District Sites, Trugreen - \$62,827.00
8. SuccessMaker Education Software, NCS Pearson - \$103,500.00

Award of Contract

1. Sustained and Integrated School Reform Professional Development, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires
3. Administrative Appointments and Transfers (effective July 1, 2013)

Appointments:

Daniel Stirland	Principal, Granite Park Junior
Julie Wilson	Principal, Bacchus Elementary
Amber Clayton	Principal, Granger Elementary
Sharon Sonnenreich	Principal, Hillside Elementary
Tod Cracroft	Principal, Morningside Elementary
Brittany Gilson	Principal, Penn Elementary
Matt Graham	Principal, Plymouth Elementary
Amy Martz	Principal, West Valley Elementary
Doug Johnson	Principal, Wright Elementary
Kyle Anderson	Assistant Principal, Granite Connect High
John Workman	Assistant Principal, Hunter High
Melanie Roybal	Assistant Principal, Brockbank Junior
Sherri Branch	Assistant Principal, Eisenhower Junior
Aaron Wilson	Assistant Principal, Granite Park Junior
Matt Goebel	Assistant Principal, Armstrong Academy/Penn Elementary
Leona Chandler	Assistant Principal, Crestview Elementary/Smith Elementary

Transfers:

Christine Drummond	Principal, Oakridge Elementary
Joan Bramble	Principal, Farnsworth Elementary
Julie Lorentzon	Principal, Westbrook Elementary
Tysen Fausett	Principal, Wilson Elementary

Marie Rose	Principal, Pioneer Elementary
Naomi Hopf	Principal, Eastwood Elementary
Milicent Larsen-Fogarty	Principal, South Kearns Elementary
Michele Callahan	Assistant Principal, Granger High
Mark Ellermeier	Assistant Principal, Skyline High
Merla Bybee	Assistant Principal, Churchill Junior
Jim Rice	Assistant Principal, Bennion Junior
Renee DeHaan	Assistant Principal, Elk Run Elementary/Monroe Elementary
Michael Douglas	Assistant Principal, Driggs Elementary/Fox Hills Elementary
Linda Fiack	Assistant Principal, Diamond Ridge Elementary/Granger Elementary
Trent Hendricks	Assistant Principal, Gourley Elementary/Wright Elementary
Afton Lambson	Assistant Principal, Hillsdale Elementary/Redwood Elementary
Jadee Talton	Assistant Principal, Stansbury Elementary/West Kearns Elementary
Janet Thorpe	Assistant Principal, Whittier Elementary

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summaries - \$13,360,680.01
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$34,642,266.93
3. Principals Cash Report – February 2013
4. Monthly Budget Report – February and March 2013

2013-2014 Daily School Time Schedules

Motion: **I move that we accept the Consent Agenda.**

Made by: Julene Jolley

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Carried Unanimously

Mr. Fraser introduced the newly appointed school administrators to the Board.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Bond Briefing

Mr. Garrett reported that the building bond projects are moving along well. He stated a bond sale had been scheduled for June in the amount of \$11.5M. He introduced Dale Okerlund,

Granite's Financial Advisor, to brief the Board on the bonding status.

Mr. Okerlund explained that the bond sale process was in its beginning stages. He has been working with the administration to allow considerable flexibility to access cash for construction in a timely way. The bond authorization will be brought to the Board in May for approval and the sale is scheduled for mid June. As previously done, these bonds will be 20 year bonds. The interest rate at this time is favorable for the selling of bonds.

2. Population Analysis Study List Update

Bryce Holbrook, Director, Planning and Boundaries, reviewed the process for studying boundaries. He provided background information regarding the Walker Lane study that had been proposed by resident families. They had requested a boundary move to Cottonwood Elementary, Olympus Junior and Olympus High because a high percentage of the students living there have exercised the open window option and already attend Olympus Network schools. In February the Board had directed Mr. Holbrook to pursue the study and report gathered input. The three schools in the Olympus Network were very much in favor of the boundary adjustment. The three schools in the Cottonwood Network were not. (Exhibit #13-54)

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Ryan Church, 5340 Cottonwood Lane, stated that families living on Walker Lane have a sense of community in the Olympus Network. Their children attend there and they support those schools. All but one family living on that street has always attended Olympus Network schools.

Jennifer Bell, 5346 Cottonwood Lane, said it is not about one school being better than the other. It is about tradition. Her understanding was if students who need special education classes are not in boundary schools, the program would be limited. The students have always attended Olympus Network schools and it would traumatize them to change.

Terry Palmer, 2633 East 6200 South, has served on an educational task force in this area. She told of the great diversity at Cottonwood High and its positive effects. She is concerned that some see the diversity as a deterrent not an opportunity. She was not in favor of the boundary change.

Cinda Taylor, 2395 Walker Lane, moved into this area 5 years ago with the assumption her children would attend Olympus schools. Mrs. Taylor's daughter might be denied access to special education classes because she is a special permit for out-of-boundary student.

Clark Nelson, 5181 Saddleback, Holladay, his children attend all of Cottonwood Network schools. Bonneville SCC does not agree with the boundary changes. He sees a negative stigma being put on Cottonwood Network schools. There are not sufficient reasons to make the change and he asked the District to not set precedence by approving this request.

Jenny Pinnock, 5338 Cottonwood Lane, stated her children attend the Olympus schools. They did prior to the 2005 boundary change and continued on special permit. Cottonwood feeder schools are excellent and equal schools, However, those families attending Olympus schools want to keep the tradition.

Brett Pineger, 6398 Braxton Court, is the chairman of Oakwood Elementary SCC. The Committee suggested reasons this boundary change would not be in the best interest of Oakwood or Granite School District. This request is parent driven and giving into them would set precedence. The boundaries should be set with much study and consideration. The open enrollment option is working; it is the schools' responsibility to treat all students fairly regardless of their enrollment status. Boundaries have been reduced in recent years and this request would negatively affect Oakwood Elementary.

President Gandy asked the Board for comments. Mrs. Meier asked for clarification regarding special education limitations in a school. Ms. Mariotti explained that general educational support should not be an issue. Specialized units (i.e. self contained units) may be an area of concern because they take students from across the District and it impacts enrollment. Program capacity and FTE are taken into consideration by principals.

Mrs. Anderson thanked the Cottonwood parents for their respectful communication. She understands their concerns and she wants to make a decision for the right reasons and best interest for children. She asked that the Board take time and carefully make the decision.

President Gandy said the Board could take this request off of the fast track, they could take the study off the list completely, or they could put the study back on the regular track and continue the process that would follow the Board policy.

Terry Bawden thanked those who spoke. He has concerns fast tracking this study. He said he thinks it should be put back on the regular track.

Mr. Holbrook explained that he would continue to take this out to schools and gather more information.

Motion: **I move to keep the proposal on the study list but not fast track it and keep following the policy procedure.**

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Patron Michelle Christensen, 4741 South Appleseed Road, West Valley, asked if changing these boundaries would affect the students that are bused from the west side to Cottonwood.

Mrs. Burgess explained she sat on the committee that made the boundary changes. It was a hard struggle. This is the only group in seven years that has challenged the boundary. She agreed that it not be fast tracked. The Board should stay with policy.

The Board continued the discussion regarding the changing of boundaries to align feeder school patterns since 2005. Mrs. Meier agreed the policy works well and it should be followed.

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Carried Unanimously

FIRST READINGS

Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Department presented four First Readings for Board approval.

Mr. Larson has re-worked three policies that address issues the Board has been dealing with during the past few months. Three policies are tied together and support each other. President Gandy thanked Mr. Larson for the time and effort he had put into these policies.

1. Fundraising- Article V.C.11.

“This is the first reading (for the third time) of the fundraising policy. This version adopts language that allows specific earmarking of funds raised” (Agenda pg. 104)

Motion: **I move we approve as a First Reading the Fundraising Policy as presented.**

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

2. Donations - Article V.C.8.

“This policy is amended to include language for earmarking donated funds for specific purposes.”

Motion: I make a motion that we approve the Donations Policy as written as a First Reading.

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

3. School Support Organizations – Article V.C.12.

“This policy allows for booster clubs and other school partners to contract with and receive benefits in working with schools in exchange for maintaining a transparent and arms-length relationship.”

Motion: I move we accept the School Support Organizations Policy as a First Reading.

Made by: Julene Jolley

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

4. Novels – Article X.A.10.

Mr. Larson explained this is a long standing policy that needed just a little updating. It would not change the process of on-going parental input, teacher and PTA input. Changes add detail to bring it current and refine a robust process. It creates greater input from stakeholders. Mrs. Mariotti summarized the policy and acknowledges that it is now up to date.

The Board member asked where to find the Novels list and for clarification on discipline if a teacher chooses a book off the list. Mr. Fraser said that it is the teacher's responsibility to have material reviewed carefully and students are not asked to read something that is not appropriate. If a teacher does not follow the policy it is considered neglect of duty and the teacher works closely with the principal to correct the situation. Mr. Larson referred the Board to the policy for the process.

Motion: **I move we approve the Novels Policy as part of the required curriculum policy as a First Reading.**

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

1. Social Networking

Mr. Larson reported that additional language has been added to limit the content to educational purposes. There has been no comment or questions since the First Reading.

Motion: **I move we approve the Social Networking Policy as a Second Reading.**

Made by: Julene Jolley

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

2. 2014-2015 School Calendars

Paul Hanson, High School Director and Gail Howe, Elementary School Director, School Accountability Division, reviewed the two options originally presented to the Board. A survey was sent out for the purpose of input. The survey showed a preference for Option B. School would start on August 18, 2014 and ends June 5, 2015 with two full weeks off for Winter Recess and a two day Spring Recess with one Emergency Closure day totaling 3 days.

Motion: **I move that we approve as the Calendar for the 2014-2015 school year Option B.**

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

REPORTS

Superintendent Bates reminded those who are going to the National School Board Association Conference to contact him when they arrive in San Diego.

Mrs. Meier attended a meeting of the Taylorsville's Network. They discussed the "Leader in Me" program. She was impressed with how the network worked and shared with each other. She reminded the Board of the Utah School Board Association (USBA) "Master Board" program and encouraged their participation. She asked the members to go to the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) web site www.schools.utah.gov/main and look at the graduation requirements and graduation initiative webinar and survey. This site is available to the public also.

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Burgess attended the production of Beauty and the Beast at Wasatch Junior. She commented it was well done and had been a great opportunity for students to participate.

Mr. Bawden reported that he had visited several SCCs and was impressed with how well they are working in Granite.

President Gandy reminded the Board of the Employee 25 Year Recognition dinner on April 17.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.